

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

The action by the Examiner of this application, together with the references cited by him, have been given careful consideration. Following such consideration, claim 1 has been canceled. Claims 3, 4, 7 and 8 have been amended, and claim 9 has been added.

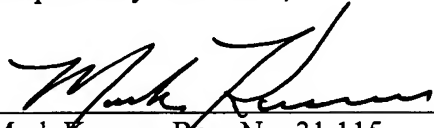
Claims 3 and 7 have been amended to incorporate the limitations set forth in claim 1. In addition, the term "significantly" that preceded the term "narrower" in claim has been deleted from claims 3 and 7, and the limitations in claims 3 and 7 have been reorganized to avoid the appearance of a "double inclusion" as to the term "second direction." Based upon the Examiner's comments on page 6 of the Final Office Action, it is believed that claims 3 and 7 are now in condition for allowance.

Claim 4 has been amended to conform with the new wording of claim 3, and claim 8 has been amended to be dependent upon claim 3.

Newly added claim 9, which is dependent upon claim 7, is a copy of claim 8. In this respect, no new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that claims 4, 8 and 9 are likewise in condition for allowance. Favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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